

# Invest with Compassion

**Essential Investment**  
**James 1:22-27**

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People think of caring for orphans as an optional ministry that involves only a few people who are specifically called to it . . . it is not optional. It is an essential investment.

There has been an awakening in the church. In recent years, we have begun to see the needs of the fatherless that have been forgotten or pushed aside in the past. *"Orphan care must be part (not the whole) of our vision of making disciples of all nations and loving our neighbors as ourselves."* (Rick Morton)

### **Three Requirements of True Religion:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ foundation (James 1).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ faith (v. 22-25).

Mt. 13; Ps 68:5

3. \_\_\_\_\_ focus (v. 26-27).

To "look after," "visit," "care for" – are phrases that are found throughout scripture referring to the coming of God to deliver His people from crisis (Genesis 21:1; 50:24; Exodus 3:16; 4:31; Luke 1:68; 78; Acts 15:14).

Repeatedly throughout scripture, God calls His people to care for orphans, widows, and sojourners (Isaiah 1:17; Deuteronomy 27:19; Zechariah 7:9-10; Psalm 82:3).

### **Challenge from today's Message:**

- ✓ You can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ You can be a \_\_\_\_\_.

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